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We print this week some matter of interest supplementary to the report of the Convention, and would call especial attention to the stirring speech of Mr. A. C. Barnes. All the straws and greater indications show that the wind is blowing in the right direction.

It only remains to act promptly, that the first of September will see all at one in carrying out the rule. Let us make the applications specifically.

In the first place, the Association itself, through its officers, must work hard. The jobbers are taking care of themselves; but the Association must directly reach, first the publishers, and secondly as many local dealers as possible. The latter branch of work must depend finally upon local dealers who are members, who must unite each his own section in the cause. But the pres-

ent need is to reach the publishers, and for this purpose a thorough campaign must be organized at once, and a list published, by authority, of those who acquiesce in, and---if there be any, which we doubt---of those who decline. Many, we find, are waiting to be officially asked, both to join the Association and to subscribe to the measure of reform. We assure them that they should send their signatures at once to Mr. Baker (140 and 142 Grand street, N. Y.), but there are many who will not take the initiative, and the Association should attend to them at once.

The publishers have a very plain duty. This is the great opportunity for redeeming the trade, upon which they must largely depend, and for building up the thorough and permanent distributing system that they all need. Let them stop underselling at once, and more than that: let them signify their adherence in writing to the 20 per cent. rule. It is very well to talk about "not binding ourselves to any agreement," but the trade wants to know who are willing and who are unwilling to enter into this reform, and if any one house of prominence is to hold back on any such plea as this, it will seriously endanger the reform. If publishers mean to enter into this thing, there can be no harm in their saying so; if they don't, let them be known honestly. And then, we trust, the publishers will go one step further voluntarily, to protect the trade, and refuse to sell to those who break down prices for purposes of their own, except under a pledge that they will sell at regular rates. This is the only way to make bookselling pay, and ultimately to satisfy the public also, by giving them in the published prices, and not in an underhand way, the benefit of any reduction that can reasonably be made.

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The retailers also must be enterprising with the rest. They must no longer be afraid to keep stocks, nor must those who are in the movement timidly give way at the underselling of rival houses

outside—for there must be such for some time—or at the promiscuous statements of customers who want cutting rates. We believe that with all sensible book-buyers the plain statement of the case will be amply sufficient. Meanwhile let every one busy himself at inducing his local associates to consult their own interests by subscribing to the rule, and report progress.

The proposal to convert the trade sales into a book fair may safely be left for some time. We must just now concentrate every effort on this one point. Success means work, enterprise, and general agreement. And that we must and shall have.

CONVENTION AFTERMATH.

SINCE our convention number several waifs and strays of interest, which failed to come to hand in time for that issue, have been gathered into this office, and will be found below. The trade would not easily forgive us for omitting Mr. Barnes' effective speech or Mrs. Partington's letter, and the other matters are also of interest.

Speech of Mr. A. C. Barnes.

[In support of resolutions of thanks to the retiring President, Isaac C. Aston.]

MR. PRESIDENT:—I desire to seize the opportunity afforded by this resolution of thanks to Mr. Aston to say how sincerely I think it deserved.

I have learned something since I came here about the bearing of this whole movement upon the publishers, whom I more immediately represent.

When Mr. Aston called at our office in New York we made a partial promise that our firm should be represented, but at the time entirely failed to appreciate its importance to ourselves, while admiring the energy and persistency with which our friend made his plea.

At the close of your session, however, I can only say that the institution speaks for itself, and I am sure I express the sentiment of every publisher present when I say that I am glad I came here. The American Book Trade Association has a *live* interest for us, and its success will be the surest guarantee of our own prosperity, through the thrift of our customers, whom it will protect and foster by the operation of its rules.

Another time, therefore, I should come to Put-in Bay on such business with as much alacrity as though I were invited to "put in books," which you know is a school book publisher's highest ambition.

The brilliant success of Mr. Aston's effort, however, permits us to take something broader than a merely selfish and pecuniary view of the future which has thus been inaugurated. It means something that we have the privilege of meeting here the representative men of the noblest of crafts—for surely the book trade may claim that honor. Probably there was never before such an assembly convened upon the broad earth, and its influence upon the times, with what may grow out of it, is simply incalculable.

Interests so vast and important as those of publishing and distributing literature eminently re-

quire organization, not in the sense of checking competition exactly, but certainly by confining it to legitimate channels, in which the dealer can preserve his self-respect while he earns a fair profit on his transactions.

Such an end it is understood that the Book Trade Association proposes to accomplish. The men here present, who stand foremost in all branches of the business, and their evident enthusiasm on the subject, are sufficient guarantees that the most that has been hoped for will be realized.

And this is even more a matter of congratulation to the public than to the dealers, since it will correct the evils that have so greatly embarrassed the sources of supply, and enable everyone to find on the counter of the local book-store the book he wants, at a reasonable price.

Better yet, the buyer will find an assortment from which he can *select* the ones he wants, instead of ordering as now blindly by the title, and being disappointed perhaps in two out of three upon inspection.

Now, Mr. Aston is undoubtedly the Father of the Association which is doing this good thing, and as such his name will certainly go down with glory into history. But there is an ancestry back of him who should have some credit. And here I might ventilate a little bit of family pride, for it was with a member of our own firm that the conception of the *Publishers' Board of Trade* originated, and largely through his untiring efforts it became the substantial institution that it now is.

To the Publishers' Board, though in its own infancy, may be directly traced the inspiration that has led to this broader fraternity.

Messieurs the Publishers, lovely and amiable as they now appear, once lived in an atmosphere of perpetual conflict, and were trained to war from their youth upward. Suddenly they concluded to forego hereditary animosities and lie down in peace together, like the lion and the lamb in the millennial day.

When such an apparent departure from the very order of nature took place, what could their milder-mannered brethren, the dealers, do but conclude that if such an event were *possible* among the publishers it had become an absolute necessity for them?

Accordingly here we are, having gravitated together under Mr. Aston's paternal care. While he is the revered Father, therefore, you must admit that the Publishers' Board is at least the prolific Mother, who regards these her sons with pride and satisfaction.

Perhaps there are some who imagine that the Publishers' Board is not altogether a success as a parent, or that it is at best an unnatural one. It is true that when you had the preliminary meeting at Cincinnati you asked the Publishers for certain concessions in what appeared to be the common interest, and to this appeal for bread we responded with a stone.

This, however, was not evidence of a want of tenderness, but simply indicated an uncertainty as to the variety of food that would be most wholesome to our beloved offspring. It appears that, with a child's waywardness, you already do not want a part of that for which you asked.

All right; you shall have everything you want that is really good for you to have, and reasonable for us to grant. While I cannot, of course, speak authoritatively for the publishers, I do not hesitate to assume sufficient knowledge of their sentiments to assure you that the American Book

Trade Association will have their most hearty co-operation and support.

In conclusion, I bespeak for the Resolution of Thanks to Mr. Aston your cordial votes. Long may he live and thrive to enjoy his patriarchal honors, and may the noble institution he has founded exist as long as our people read and their children go to school, with such facilities as can only be offered by a liberal and well regulated "American Book Trade."

Letter from Mrs. Partington.

CHELSEA, MASS., July 12, 1874.

ISAAC C. ASTON, ESQ.

DEAR SIR: Until my connection with the book trade, some four weeks since, I never dreamed of the woes under which that respected trade labored. I had fancied that beyond a mere surfeit at Book Trade Feasts, everything was lovely, and, *paregorically* speaking, "the goose hung high." I confess, however, that I had felt there was a negative wrong, so to speak, done the publisher when the public refused or neglected to buy his books, and as an author sympathized with him, through that tender and sensitive medium, the pocket, deeming that some remedy should be found there or; but the revelation of wrongs that has come upon me so suddenly, "knocks me," using one of the striking expressions of the day. I have, however, I am glad to say, recovered sufficiently to express my sympathy with you in the new movement, as I respect all new movements, unless, like those of the crab, they tend backwards; but, of course, with my limited experience, the wrong, vividly as it impresses me, must be much more distressing to you, bearing down upon you, probably, several hundreds of pounds to the square inch.

There is one point, however, a perplexity rather than a wrong, which, could I join with you at your forthcoming convention, I should beg to have to have considered and settled. I am the publisher and seller of a new dollar-and-a-half book, of which I am also the author, holding a tripartite relation liable to produce an entanglement. There can be no difference of interest among the three, and while the author might be induced to accept his customary percentage, the publisher and seller both claim the whole amount of the sales. They are unbending in this, and each insists on the other's paying him the dollar and a half. Now, if this is done, it logically follows that the amount per book is three dollars, the author claiming his thirty cents; but, notwithstanding the clearness of the fact the results somehow give but half the amount and publisher, seller and author lose to this extent. It is an exceedingly nice and intricate question, and already exciting irritating symptoms, that may end in a rupture, unless arbitration settles the matter. This also presents one of those cases alluded to by the editor of the *PUBLISHERS WEEKLY*, wherein "valuable books" are kept from the public, as the volume involving all this difficulty, like Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, contains elements which, if properly applied, cannot fail to make the world better and more wise!

I am extremely sorry that I cannot be with you to help you "put in" at Put-in Bay, for I think a good dinner is one of the best emollients to all sorts of intellectual or physical trouble, except envy and dyspepsia, and the gnashing of teeth of angry men should have something to gnash on; otherwise the same injury might ensue that attends

the friction of millstones without a grist. We send you some rare trenchermen, however, whose epicurian capabilities are commensurate with their avidity for trade—one of whom may recite to you, if he will, a recent individual wrong, when at a seaside dinner he was called suddenly from the table to help capture a balloon.

I trust that your convention may be productive of the best results, that "right may be might, and the wrongs made right," and the jollity of good fellowship so far mollify the nursing of cherished wrong, that Peace may "come down" like a generous benefactor and baptize the Bookseller and Publishers with a benediction equivalent to the amount of which they are wronged.

As you will perceive, I am not very well posted regarding these wrongs, but I have a capacious faith in their existence and think it is time that something was done about it, as undoubtedly will be at Put-in Bay. I would, however, avoid pacific measures.

Yours very truly,

B. P. SHILLABER.

A Book-buyer's Letter.

CHICKS, Lancaster Co., Pa., July 20, 1874.

ISAAC C. ASTON, Esq., President American Book-Trade Union.

DEAR SIR:—Judging from several articles in the daily press, it would seem that there are members of the bookselling fraternity who are ignorant of the fact that many book-buyers reside in the country, or in towns where there is no regular trade, or where the assortment is limited to school books, with the addition of a few miscellaneous publications; and even when the current periodicals are professedly kept, they cannot be bought at the counter, but must be subscribed for. Under the present excellent arrangement, when I see a work advertised, with the price and publisher. I can remit at once, say to Boston, without sending my order to the next town, at the risk of disappointment, or the delay of several weeks.

Hitherto the publishers have recognized the fairness of prepaying the postage, because the customer either risks the loss of his money in transmission or has to pay for a post-office order. In towns where the dealer gets a weekly package, most town buyers would be likely to encourage him; but I am now calling attention to the large class of buyers who, like myself, have no such facilities.

The issuing of books by subscription alone is a nuisance which should be abated. The canvassers are often impudent trespassers; the books do not find their way into regions where there is a sparse population, but, on the contrary, they are often pushed to the disadvantage of the local dealer; they are not *published*, and, as a consequence, they cannot be quoted, nor can they be reviewed in respectable periodicals. It is fortunate that in most cases such books are mere compilations of little or no value.

Respectfully yours,

S. S. HALDEMAN.

[We print the above as of general interest, presenting the question of "books by mail" from the buyers' and, we may say, the publishers' point of view. But we look to see the interests of publishers and local dealers entirely harmonized in this particular by the hoped-for revival of trade consequent on the action of the Con-

vention. This should enable local dealers to keep full stocks, in which case, when buyers can no longer get greater discounts at the large centres, as heretofore, they will scarcely run the risk of money and time in sending abroad for what they can get just as well at home.—ED.]

THE following is the full text of the circular to be sent by jobbers to their customers:

"DEAR SIR:

"On and after September 1st we shall make certain changes in our discounts on the different Publishers' books and would respectfully refer you to our invoices on and after that date.

"August 20th."

THANKING *Every Saturday* for its acknowledgment of the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY as "doing very much toward gathering year by year the material for a full bibliography," we must say that we have good reason to agree with it, "but," that "the book-trade is in an almost wholly unorganized condition, and the multiplication of business centres all over the country leads to desultory publishing which it is exceedingly difficult to register." Its suggestion in this dilemma is a capital one, that the specialty journals should publish regularly a bibliography of all works of interest in their respective spheres—especially since a chief demand upon a bibliography "is by students of special subjects, who wish to know what has been published in their department"—and thus make easier the path of the general bibliographer, who, we all hope, may some day enter upon his work in America. "Let the Museum of Comparative Zoology, at Cambridge, for instance, take science; the various medical journals compete with each other in recording medical works; the General Theological Library in Boston take theology; the law periodicals take law; the National Academy of Design works on fine art; and by degrees the whole body of literature of special sort would be recorded by those persons who were most conversant with the several classes. The labor of the man who should gather this material into comprehensive shape would be great, but nothing like so great as it now is. The preliminary work, and especially the work of bringing to light obscure and half-private works, must be done by enthusiastic volunteers."

MR. ROBERT CLARKE writes, under date of 17th inst.: "I do hope all publishers, jobbers, and booksellers will give the agreement a fair trial for a year. I think they will find their business so much improved and so much simplified that they will affirm the resolution next year."

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MR. SAMUEL B. WELCH, for a long time in charge of the stationery department of Messrs. A. S. Barnes & Co., has recently resigned that position to assume a still more responsible one with the flourishing house of J. G. Hodges & Co., the correspondents of the Messrs. Barnes in San Francisco. His late employers speak in enthusiastic terms of Mr. Welch, whom they regard as one of the most valuable assistants ever connected with their business. On the eve of his departure he received from the hands of Mr. Curtis an elegant Jurgensen gold watch, the joint gift of the firm and its employees, as a testimonial of their appreciation of his personal worth and business qualities.

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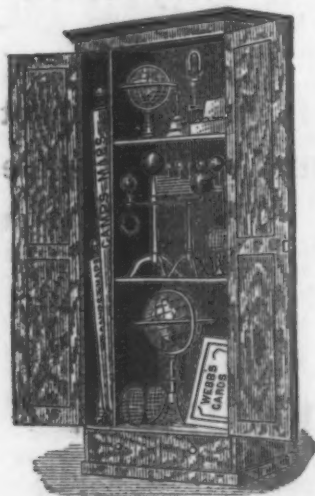
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